GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF MEDICINES BY CGHS DISPENSARIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CGHS beneficiaries in Delhi are not provided indented medicines within stipulated time despite their availability in the market;

(b) if so, the number of cases that have come to the knowledge of the Government during the last one year and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether substitute medicines are being provided in place of the prescribed medicines; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b) By and large the medicines are provided within the stipulated time except for occasional delay by the authorized chemists. There is a provision for imposition of fines in the tender document through which local chemists were empanelled for each dispensary.Action taken against the local authorized chemists who were not fulfilling the conditions is enclosed.

(c)&(d) The formulary medicines if available in the dispensary with a different brand/generic name, having the same chemical composition and similar therapeutic action, is supplied to the beneficiary, which is not a substitution. However, no substitutes are accepted from the Authroised Local chemists when indents are placed on them.